

Born in San Francisco and raised in that city and in South San Francisco, Tony joined the Navy after high school. He served aboard the destroyer USS *Radford* off Vietnam, and while still in the service, met his future wife Elaine in Honolulu where she was vacationing.

He returned to the Bay Area and, in 1970, became a firefighter in South San Francisco. He was soon promoted to captain, moved on to a division chief position in Campbell, CA, and became fire chief in Santa Cruz in 1981 at the age of 34.

During this time, Tony married Elaine; they had 2 daughters; and Tony earned degrees at the College of San Mateo, the University of San Francisco, and San Jose State University (Masters of Public Administration). Despite his hectic schedule, he made sure he had time for traveling and camping with his family.

In 1985, Tony was hired as Santa Rosa Fire Chief, a job he loved. He worked hard to develop solid relationships with union firefighters, upgrade the engines and equipment, and promote diversity in the department. His friendly, outgoing style suited the city, and he stayed till he retired at the age of 55.

After retirement, Tony continued to enjoy time with family, which grew to include 5 grandchildren. He was a man of wide ranging interests and active disposition who learned languages, played guitar, and studied art through both books and visits to museums.

He is survived by his mother Florene and his brother Rick, as well as his wife, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Tony Pini's passing has left an empty space in the Santa Rosa community, and for his wide circle of friends and his family. We thank Tony for his years of inspirational leadership and appreciate all he has given.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of South Barrington, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of South Barrington is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Into the late 1950s, the area was still largely agricultural. In 1959, a group of property owners saw the need for a local government and came together to form a village. Following incorporation, South Barrington continued to build and develop. A parcel of land was donated to the Audubon Society of Chicago by Alex Stillman in 1976, creating the 80-acre Stillman Nature Center.

Madam Speaker, the Village of South Barrington is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of South Barrington for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate South Barrington for reaching their 50th anniversary

and I wish them continued success in the future.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Amount: \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, Post Office Box 51650, Knoxville, TN 37950

Description of Request: The funding would be used to purchase transit vehicles in order to provide reliable transportation to the residents of Knox County.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmark in H.R. 3288.

Requesting Member: Rep. TOM COLE (OK-4)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Air Force, Military Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vance AFB

Address of Requesting Entity: Vance, AFB, OK

Description of Request: Construct an air traffic control tower for \$10.4 million. The current control tower at Vance AFB was constructed in 1972. The tower is in need of critical upgrades to remain effectively operational and to comply with base architectural standards. New upgrades will allow Vance AFB to continue safe and efficient aerial military operations. The current control tower at Vance AFB was constructed in 1972. The tower is in need of critical upgrades to remain effectively operational and to comply with base architectural standards. New upgrades will allow Vance AFB to continue safe and efficient aerial military operations.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF THIRD LAKE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MELISSA L. BEAN**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of Third Lake, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this

year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Third Lake is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. The area of Third Lake first saw growth with the development of Sunshine Subdivision in the late 1920s. In 1959, residents of the subdivision incorporated to control the pollution of the lake. Development emerged once again in the 1980s and continues today as Third Lake has grown into a suburban community. Uniquely, Third Lake is also home to the North American headquarters for the Free Serbian Orthodox Church.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Third Lake is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Third Lake for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Third Lake for reaching their 50th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. LYNDA DIXON

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Lynda Dixon. Her successes are many, but it is her outstanding service to our beloved state that truly sets her apart. I am proud to honor Lynda Dixon for her lifetime of service to her community, our state and our country.

Lynda Dixon was born in Tulare, California and her family moved to Atkins, Arkansas when she was two years old. She is the youngest of four children. She attended Atkins Public Schools and graduated in 1961.

Dixon is retiring from her current position as the Director of Special Services at the Clinton Presidential Library Foundation. Throughout her career, Lynda has been involved in politics. She began her political career in 1976 in Russellville, Arkansas, working for a Prosecuting Attorney. In 1983, she left to serve as personal secretary to Governor Bill Clinton. In 1992 when Governor Clinton was elected President of the United States, she managed his Arkansas office and served as travel companion to his mother, the late Virginia Kelley. Lynda began working for the Clinton Presidential Foundation in 2001.

Dixon remains active with the Arkansas Democratic Party and is a lifetime member of the Arkansas Democratic Women and Senior Democrats of Arkansas. She is also a past-member of the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy; volunteers with the Arkansas Foodbank Network; is a member of Volunteers in Public Schools; served on the Partners in Education Committee sponsored by the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce; mentors at Clinton Elementary Magnet School and is often fundraising for political and charitable organizations she supports. She is a member of Second Baptist Church and McKinney/Maloch Sunday School Class.

Lynda Dixon embodies the values of service, leadership and commitment to community that has made our state and our nation the

great place it is today. She has dedicated her life to serving people and we are grateful for the impact she has made. On behalf of the United States Congress I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the lifetime and career achievements of Lynda Dixon.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

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Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Project Amount: \$750,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Blount County, 341 Court Street, Maryville, TN 37804

Description of Request: The project seeks to improve 2.23 miles of Morganton Road by widening the road to 12 foot wide travel lanes with 3 feet wide improved shoulders on either side, to make intersection improvements at certain roads to enhance sight distance and to facilitate turning movements, to add acceleration and turn lanes at specific intersections, to make needed drainage improvements, and to improve rideability and safety by restructuring.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 963 on H.R. 4173, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "nay" when I should have voted "aye." I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the record immediately following rollcall vote No. 963.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Waukegan, a city in my district that is celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The City of Waukegan is celebrating its 150 year anniversary. Located 36 miles north of Chicago, Waukegan was first established in 1725 as a trading post known as Little Fort. In 1849, residents approved the name of Waukegan, the Potawatomi equivalent of Little Fort and incorporated in 1859. Waukegan continued to grow through the 19th century as a

center of industry—Waukegan harbor was one of the busiest on the Great Lakes and several major railroads traveled through the city. These railroads became indispensable to the larger industries which appeared in Waukegan in the later part of the century. Today, Waukegan is largely a residential community, though has continued its tradition of industry with companies such as Abbott Laboratories, Baxter International, and National Gypsum.

Madam Speaker, this city is unique in its history and adds to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the City of Waukegan for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Waukegan for reaching their 150th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, A LEADER IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize A. Philip Randolph for his great life's work, demonstrating an unyielding struggle for human rights that impacted all marginalized groups in society during his time. He was an influential leader who had a hand in the civil rights and labor movements.

A. Philip Randolph firmly believed that workers' rights and civil rights went hand in hand. He was influential in speaking out for African American rights during the 1930s and 1940s, focused particularly on labor and employment issues, and he was the leading force behind the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Not only did he lead a 10-year campaign to organize the Pullman Porters and served as the organization's first president, but Randolph directed the March on Washington movement to end employment discrimination. He was also elected a vice president of the newly merged AFL-CIO in 1955. Mr. Randolph was instrumental in changing the way Black Americans were treated in the workplace, and workers today are still benefiting from his efforts. A. Philip Randolph realized the importance of organizing Black workers and used this position to advocate for desegregation and respect for civil rights inside the labor movement.

It is only fitting that we recognize Randolph for his contributions as a founding father of the early civil rights movement. A. Philip Randolph struggled for social, political, and economic justice for all working Americans, and recognizing him in Congress is a long overdue honor that Randolph's legacy deserves.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I

am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

Project Amount: \$300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryville College, 502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804

Description of Request: Maryville College proposes to develop an innovative, experiential-based program in science education that will benefit undergraduate students, faculty, pre-secondary/secondary students and their teachers throughout the Southern Appalachian region. Through initiatives that range from tightly focused out-reach programming to summer research-based opportunities for students and teachers, the college will significantly expand involvement in basic research, the education of undergraduate scientists, and the education of younger students and their teachers.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, last week I was unavoidably absent due to the health condition of a family member in California. Had I been present I would have voted:

Thursday, December 10, 2009: rollcall No. 952 "yea"; rollcall No. 953 "yea"; rollcall No. 954 "no"; rollcall No. 955 "yea"; rollcall No. 956 "no"; rollcall No. 957 "yea"; rollcall No. 958 "yea"; rollcall No. 959 "yea."

Friday, December 11, 2009: rollcall No. 960 "yea"; rollcall No. 961 "no"; rollcall No. 962 "yea"; rollcall No. 963 "yea"; rollcall No. 964 "yea"; rollcall No. 965 "no"; rollcall No. 966 "no"; rollcall No. 967 "no"; rollcall No. 968 "yea."

#### CAMP ASHRAF DISPLACEMENT

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 14, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, on December 10, 2009 the Iraqi government announced that it is going to forcibly displace thousands of Iranian dissidents living in Camp Ashraf to a remote prison in the Iraqi desert. The Iraqi government knows the world recognizes Camp Ashraf as a refuge for those who stand tall for freedom and democracy, so it is demolishing their homes they have lived in for over 20 years and moving them to southern Iraq, where the Iraqi government thinks it can do whatever it wants to them and the world won't notice.

The families in Camp Ashraf's biggest crime is that they love freedom and oppose the oppressive Iranian regime. Tehran has for months now pressured the Iraqi government to hand over Camp Ashraf residents so it can imprison and torture them just like they do to all